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A.—(*a*) The number of temporary appointments made so far in the Home Department since the separation of Andhra till August 1955 is as follows :—

Lower division clerks	777
Typists	36
Attenders	6
Peons	28

(*b*) The number of Tamilians, Malayalees and Kannadigas appointed to each category including re-appointments was as follows :—

	Lower Division Clerks.	*Typists.*	*Attenders.*	*Peons.*
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Tamilians	60	30	5	23
Malayalees	17	1	1	5
Kannadigas	..	..	..	..

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

10–10 a.m.

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* DRINKING WATER SCARCITY IN CERTAIN VILLAGES IN TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

* Sri M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, I wish to call attention of the Hon. Minister for Public Health to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., suffering for want of drinking water-supply at Mudalur, Vaniyankinathevilai, Iyervilai and surrounding villages in Tirunelveli district. These villages have been very badly affected due to drought conditions. There are about 400 hamlets in this area. All public and private wells in these hamlets have dried up. If the local officials have been alert and watched the situation carefully, such a situation would not have arisen at all. It was only after the matter had been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister some reliefs have been provided. There are nearly a thousand wells in this area. The Government, it appears, have sent six or seven bore pump sets to this area. It nearly takes seven or eight days to deepen a well with the help of a bore pump set. These six or seven sets will hardly be sufficient to deepen all the wells in the area. The people in the area are very poor and they entirely depend upon the income they get from the palmyra trees which are now fading or dying out as a result of the drought conditions prevailing in the area. The influx of people returning from Colombo empty-pocketed has made the situation still worse. The people of the hamlets are not in a position to bear the cost of deepening even of their own wells. Deepening of wells alone will not solve the problem. Boring is necessary. Even new wells must be sunk. For this purpose boring sets are required and they may not be made available by the Department in time. I request the

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Government to provide more boring sets and to take the other necessary steps immediately so that the Rayalaseema need not be reproduced in the southern portion of the Tirunelveli district.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sri M. S. Selvarajan, M.L.A., sent a representation to the Commissioner for Land Revenue on 23rd June 1955 while camping at the Palayamcottai Traveller's Bungalow requesting for immediate deepening of public wells as well as private wells in and around Sattankulam sub-taluk area as several wells had gone dry and the public suffered very much for want of drinking water. The matter was discussed on 24th June 1955 by the Commissioner with the local officers. On the direction of the Commissioner, the Deputy Tahsildar, Sattankulam, and the Minor Irrigation Supervisor inspected several wells in the Sattankulam sub-taluk area and sent a joint report.

It was seen that deepening by excavation and boring were necessary for several wells and that, if power drill was used, boring could be done expeditiously. But the power drill could not be used for these wells as the weight of the drill and boring chisel was too much and the construction of the wells could not stand the force during operation of the drill. They therefore suggested that hand-boring would be proper for deepening the existing wells.

According to the Deputy Tahsildar, Sattankulam, and the Minor Irrigation Supervisor, the following were the villages where the wells required immediate deepening by excavation and boring to relieve the acute drinking water scarcity. The estimated cost of the works is also noted against each :

			RS.
1	**Semmarikulam village, Vanian Kinathuvilai hamlet.**	One well	1,000
2	**Thammaraimozhi village, Sami Tope hamlet.**	Do.	1,000
3	**Pudukulam, Chidambarapuram.**	Do.	2,500
4	**Eluvaramukhi, Thaivilai** ..	Do.	1,100
5	**Mudaloor**	Do.	1,200
		Do.	1,100
		Do.	2,500
		Do.	2,000
		Total ..	12,400

The Board of Revenue has permitted the Collector to execute the works under the Rural Water-supply Comprehensive Scheme after getting the requisite contribution from the beneficiaries.

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Four hand-boring sets are working in Mudaloor area at present. The boring work is in progress in the following wells :—

1. Rajammanpuram, hamlet of Mudaloor.
2. Urani well in Mudaloor.
3. Nava Mudaloor–Keelakinar.
4. Thailapuram, hamlet of Pidaneri.

In items 1 to 3, 9 feet, 11 feet and 14 feet, respectively have been bored. In item 4, the work has just commenced.

Three more hand-boring sets are expected on the spot very shortly. Soon after their arrival, the works in three more wells will be commenced.

The Collector has reported that the deepening work by boring will be completed before the 25th of September in all the 8 wells which require to be deepened by the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Tirunelveli.

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) ALLEGED POLICE ATROCITIES IN ERODE TALUK.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of the following adjournment motion from Sri K. R. Nallasivam :—

" That the business of the House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the manhandling of three innocent ryots (1) Venkatachalam, (2) Ramasami and (3) Srirangan of Amaravathi Pudur, Erode taluk, on 13th September 1955 by the Kodumudi police and taking away the household articles and cash amounting to Rs. 3,000 from their homes by the above police without any complaint against them and the serious situation arising out of these police atrocities in that area and the scare and terror created among the ryots in that area.''

I have absolutely no doubt that this adjournment motion ought not to be allowed. Nevertheless, I would request Mr. Nallasivam to say what he has to say in the matter.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நான் இந்த ஒத்திவைப்பு பிரேரணையில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ள சம்பவமானது கடந்த 1955-ம் வருஷம் செப்டெம்பர் மாதம் 13-ம் தேதி அன்று ஈரோடு தாலூக்காவில், கொடுமுடிக்கு அருகிலுள்ள அமராவதிபுத்தூரில் நடந்தது. அன்றைக்கு போலீஸார் அந்த இடத்திற்கு வேலையில்லாமல் போயிருந்தார்கள். ஏற்கனவேயே அந்த ஊரில் இருக்கக்கூடிய Village Munsif-க்கும் அந்த கிராம மக்களுக்கும் தகராறு உண்டு. அதை மனதில் கொண்டு, அந்த Village Munsif ஆனவர் அந்த கிராமத்தைச் சேர்ந்த கோவை ஜில்லா போர்டு அங்கத்தினர் பொன்னம்மாளின் கணவராகிய ரங்கசாமியை எப்போதும் குடித்தறியாத குடிக்காத ஒருவரை அவர் வீட்டில் போய் அவமானப்படுத்த வேண்டுமென்று குடித்திருப்பதாகச் சொல்லி அடித்தார்கள். இதுதான் பின்னால் நடந்த தகாராறுக்கு அடிப்படை.